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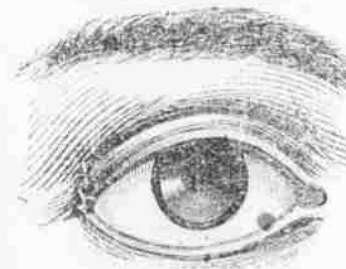
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THE STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECLARES

Tallaferra and Broward Nominees for Senator and Governor Respectively

REFUSES AN INVESTIGATION OF Charges of Fraud.—Contests Filed, but Ruled Out of Order.

The state democratic executive committee met on Friday morning last at the Everett Hotel, Jacksonville. Before adjournment in the afternoon it had declared James P. Tallaferra the candidate for United States Senator and Napoleon B. Broward the candidate for Governor.

There were contests filed by the friends of Mr. Davis against the vote of several counties, but these were not considered. Chairman Williams ruling that they could not come up before the committee because they had not been filed with the county committees first. There was some discussion, and the notices of contests read, but aside from that there was no action taken, other than the ruling of Chairman Williams.

Following the roll call W. J. Bryan of Duval moved that the campaign committee proceed to canvass the returns of the primary election of June 7, and that said committee return to the meeting with a resolution such as was presented by the campaign committee after a similar mission at the last meeting, when the executive committee canvassed the returns of May 10. Senator Palmer of Orange wanted to know if all the counties had been heard from. Chairman Williams stated that the returns of all the counties were in, with the exception of Duval and Monroe counties. Mr. Reynolds of Monroe handed the chairman of the committee the report for Monroe, but the report from Duval was not handed to the chairman until after the committee adjourned. Chairman Knight and Secretary Fellers brought the report at about 11 o'clock, and it was handed with the others to the campaign committee. An adjournment was taken at 11 o'clock until 3 o'clock to give the campaign committee time to report.

When the committee assembled at 3 o'clock, Chairman Williams announced that the campaign committee was ready to report.

Major Abrams interrupted the reading of the report with a statement that as a member of the committee he objected to any action being taken at that time, contending that, according to the primary law, the meeting could not exist for the purpose of canvassing the returns of the election. He cited section 16 of the primary law in reference to the filing of protests, and argued that the state committee had no right to canvass the returns of the election until they had given those who desired to file contests the twenty days which that section provided. Major Abrams was called to order, and Chairman Williams asked the secretary to continue with the reading of the report and the resolution offered by the campaign committee.

"I demand to be heard," said Major Abrams. "We do not want any gag law here."

Chairman Williams was constrained to permit Major Abrams to proceed with his contention under the head of personal privileges, when Mr. Wolfe of Escambia County objected, and raised a point of order. The point of order was sustained by the chair, and Major Abrams took an appeal. The committee sustained the chairman.

The report of the committee and the resolution offered were read, as follows:

THE COMMITTEE REPORT.
"Jacksonville, Fla., June 17, 1904.—To the Florida State Democratic Committee: Your campaign committee, in pursuance of the resolution adopted at the meeting today, has the honor to report that they have canvassed and tabulated the returns from the various counties as to the primary election held on the 7th day of June, 1904, and herewith submit the returns and the tabulation, for the various candidates in said primary, and also herewith submit a resolution for your consideration. Respectfully submitted, ARTHUR T. WILLIAMS, "Chairman."

THE RESULT DECLARED.
"Resolved, by the Florida State Democratic Committee, duly assembled at Jacksonville this 17th day of June, A. D. 1904, that the following candidates having received a majority of the votes cast at the primary held on the 7th day of June, A. D. 1904, are hereby declared to be the nominees of the democratic party of the state of Florida, at the next ensuing state election; and the executive officers are hereby directed to make certificate accordingly, to wit:

"James P. Tallaferra, for United States Senator.
"Napoleon B. Broward, for Governor of Florida.
"H. Clay Crawford, for Secretary of State.
"Geo. W. Walker, for State Attorney for the Second judicial district."

MOVED ADOPTION OF REPORT.
W. J. Bryan moved the adoption

of the resolution. He received a second.

Chairman Williams stated that there were a number of protests filed before the committee, and that he would ask the secretary to read them. Senator Palmer, a member of the campaign committee, called attention to the fact that in the meeting of the campaign committee there were no protests filed, and that the report of the committee was made out upon the face of the returns. Mr. Wolfe asked if the report of the committee was a unanimous one, and was told by Mr. Palmer that it was, but that it was made without any protests having been filed.

Mr. Bryan arose to a point of order and claimed that the report of the committee was before the meeting. Chairman Williams overruled the point of order, and made the statement that the protests were filed and that he wanted them read.

FIRST PROTEST IS READ.
The first protest was read. It was by Hon. R. W. Davis and outlined the action to be taken before the committee. The protest was to the effect that the committee could not meet and canvass the returns of the election until the twenty days given a candidate to file a contest had expired. The paper submitted pointed out that the contest had been filed and that there were eleven more days allowed in which to act, and in which to secure testimony, which was not given by the committee. The notice of contest referred to the counties of Holmes, Jackson, Lafayette, Santa Rosa, Taylor and Washington.

ANOTHER POINT OF ORDER.
Mr. Wolfe again arose to a point of order. He stated that the notice of contest was not presented according to law and that it should have first been presented by the candidates before the various county executive committees. He attempted to quote the law in support of his contention.

MR. ABRAMS REPLIES.
Major Abrams was quick to reply to Mr. Wolfe. The two gentlemen representing either of the two factions at the meeting had arrived at an understanding that debate was not to be cut off. Mr. Abrams commenced his address to the committee by citing a section of the primary law as follows:

"Section 16. The county executive or standing committee shall hear and determine all contests or protests filed by any county candidate before such primary election, and when any contest or protest is filed with the county committee challenging the returns from any precinct or objecting to any decision of the county committee, such county committee shall hear and determine such contest or protest, preserving in writing all the evidence heard and considered, and all rulings and decisions made by said committee."

"The decisions and rulings of the county committee shall be final as to any county candidate before such primary. If any candidate for a state or congressional office is not content with the decision of the county committee affecting his candidacy in said county, said candidate shall file within twenty (20) days after the result is declared, with the chairman of the state or congressional executive committee, as the case may be, his protest as to the result of the election in any county, whereupon the chairman of the state or congressional executive committee shall, after filing of such protest, cause notice of such protest to be given to the county executive committee wherein irregularities are alleged to exist, whereupon it shall be the duty of such county committee to immediately forward a certified copy of such evidence submitted to and considered by them, and their rulings and decisions thereon to the state or congressional committee, as the case may be, and such committee shall review the finding and decisions of the county committee and its decisions shall be final."

Mr. Abrams pointed out that the law in reference to state and congressional candidates was such as to provide that any contest must be filed before the state committee. He forcibly pointed out that the contests before the county committee were those where the county candidates were not satisfied with the returns.

NOTICES OF CONTESTS READ.
The debate was waxing warm when Chairman Williams ruled that as there was nothing before the house he would insist upon the notices of contests being read by the secretary. The first notice of a contest was from Taylor, but before it could be read Mr. Wolfe renewed his point of order. He stated that the contests must have gone to the counties first, and that there was nothing for the state committee to consider. He claimed that the state committee did not have jurisdiction, and for fear that he was misunderstood when the first point of order was raised, he desired it understood now that he was objecting to a consideration of this issue when the committee lacked the authority."

Again Chairman Williams decided

that the papers must be read. After this ruling on the part of the chair, Mr. Wolfe moved to table the first contest. Major Abrams claimed that this was applying the gag law, and Mr. Wolfe withdrew the motion.

ALL CONTESTS ARE READ.
The notices of contests were then read. These notices of contests were prepared in accordance with the law which Major Abrams contended states plainly that the contest on the part of a state or congressional candidate must originate with the state committee and be referred back to the county committee.

Mr. Davis gave notice of a contest on the following grounds:

First—That there were more votes polled for the office of Governor in counties named in the notice of contest at the primary on June 7 than there were registered and qualified Democratic electors.

Second—That in some counties there were poll taxes paid.

Third—That Republicans and Populists were permitted to vote in direct opposition to the primary law.

Fourth—That minors of the age of sixteen years were permitted to vote.

Fifth—That the Democratic executive committee gave notice previous to the election that the electors could prepare their ballots outside the polling places, and that in some counties this was done, and that in a number of cases the ballots were prepared by others than the electors. That in some cases the electors were importuned by the inspectors to vote for candidates of their choice in violation of the primary law.

Sixth—That persons were permitted to vote repeatedly in violation of the law.

Seventh—That no poll lists were furnished by some of the committees to the various districts.

Eighth—That in some cases the supervisors of registration there were blank certificates of registration sent out which were filled in at the last moment to permit those who had not registered according to law to vote.

Ninth—That in some cases there were ballots prepared without stubs and in other ways not according to the law.

Tenth—That in one county there were more votes counted than there were registered Democratic, Republican and negro voters, and that the votes counted exceeded the number of poll taxes paid.

To support these charges Major Abrams had in his possession, and which he desired to turn over to the committee, affidavits of responsible citizens.

ANOTHER POINT OF ORDER.
After the reading of the notices of contests, Mr. Wolfe again renewed his point of order. He claimed that this committee was a court of review, and that the contests ought to have been filed before the county committees, and not the state committee. He contended that the notices of contest in the various counties were not supported by a single affidavit or by any evidence, and that the committee was asked to believe everything, without proof.

ABRAMS MADE REPLY.
To this Major Abrams made a strong reply. He claimed that he had affidavits in his possession to file, and that Mr. Davis had tracked the law to the letter. He read the law again, and claimed that it provided that the contests should originate with the state committee and be referred back to the county committee for their action, the state committee taking the case up for final disposition. His argument was a strong one, and he was continuing to touch upon the character of the charges and to plead for a clean vote and an honest count, in the interest of Democracy, when he was interrupted by Mr. West of Santa Rosa county, who arose to another point of order. Mr. West contended that a point of order was not debatable and that if it was permitted to be, the committee would be in session for several days. J. M. Barrs wanted Mr. Abrams choked off. He wanted only a parliamentary discussion of all questions.

Mr. West insisted upon the chairman ruling on the point of order raised by Mr. Wolfe. Upon this ruling hinged a final result of the contests and the chairman ruled that the contests were not properly filed and that the matter was out of order.

The vote upon the resolution followed, and it was adopted by a decisive vote.

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The G. S. & F. Ry. has authorized a rate of \$1.25 from Palatka to White Springs and returned each Sunday up to and including Sunday, Sept. 18th, 1904. Excursion tickets will be sold on each Sunday morning train and will be limited to return only on train leaving White Springs Sunday night, date of sale.

GOINGS ON IN FLORIDA.

Senator Tallaferra's majority was 3,361.

Jacksonville will hold a Trade Carnival next fall.

St. Augustine indulged in its annual municipal election for aldermen last Tuesday.

It is said that the trustees of Stetson university will soon elect a new president for that institution and that his name will not be Forbes.

Gainesville is going to have a rousing Fourth of July celebration and invite friends from neighboring towns. The celebration will be held under the direction of the Gainesville board of trade.

William Ruth, a colored blackman of Ocala, was murdered in his carriage last Sunday night by some passenger. Ruth was shot six times in the back of the head and the pistol was held so close as to burn his hair. No clue to murder.

Jackson county will have a third primary for the election of a sheriff. In the first there were several candidates and no election; in the second there was a tie between the candidates. The third primary has been set for July 26th.

The new town of Homestead, 28 miles south of Miami, and the present southern terminus of the Florida East Coast Railway, has been laid out. The company will build a commodious depot. The town will be in the midst of the finest farming section of Dade county.

Chas. A. Choate, the man who had charge of the literary work in Senator Tallaferra's two recent campaigns, is temporarily in charge of the Tallaferra campaign in the absence of Editor Trice, who is away owing to illness. Mr. Choate is one of the ablest newspaper editors in Florida.

W. T. Scott of Jacksonville, fell dead in front of the store, 243 Riverside ave., Monday afternoon. In his pocket was found a note which read: "If I cannot speak, please carry me home, 408 Winter street." Scott died of heart failure, and the note indicates that he had warning of his end.

Florida will be entitled to twelve companies of state troops and a total not exceeding seven hundred officers and men at the joint maneuvers and field exercises of the regular army and militia to be held at Manassas, Va., September 5 to 10, inclusive. No company can go that does not muster fully 50 men, and is up in tactics.

While Mrs. Dr. Joseph E. Willis and her little six months old child, of Quincy, Fla., were in the waiting room of the Union passenger station in Atlanta Tuesday morning, waiting for a train to take them to Alabama, whither they were going to visit relatives, the infant was taken suddenly ill and died. The child's body was placed in charge of an undertaker, while Mrs. Willis went to a hotel to await the arrival of her husband.

George A. Battlesby of Punta Gorda has been arrested charged with the assassination of Marshal J. H. Bowen of that place in January of last year. Battlesby was arrested at the instance of R. J. Clark, who had been working around Punta Gorda as a sewing machine repairer, but who is really a detective. I. E. Cooper has already been convicted of the murder of Bowen and his case is now before the pardoning board.

The people of Punta Gorda do not believe Battlesby guilty.

Charles McCoy, a prominent Chicago stock broker, committed suicide in his room at the Aragon hotel, Jacksonville, last Friday morning by cutting his throat with a razor. McCoy was a man of means; he did not smoke or drink, but he gambled—in stocks—and had been losing heavily. He left a note which showed the suicide to be premeditated. The note was as follows: "Clock just struck 5 a. m. In a few minutes more I'll be ready if I have the courage. 7:45—I am a coward after all. 10:05—Still resisting—O God, have mercy. The way of the transgressor is hard and the wages of sin is death."

They must have been having hot times at the University of Florida. At a meeting of the trustees of this great institution of learning, held last Tuesday night the resignations of President Tallaferra and eight professors was asked. The Venerable Dr. Yeom and one other teacher will not be molested. The president of the University of Florida, up to the time of his call to that office, was a country school teacher in Pennsylvania. He became "Doctor" soon after assuming charge of the University, and he was so proud of the title that it is said of him that he signed his name "Dr. T. H. Tallaferra, Ph. D."—probably for the reason that he didn't want the title overlooked.

Little Mary Kate, 6-year old daughter of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Hobson of Jacksonville, was crushed to death in a collision with a street car at East Adams and Bridge streets, that city, last Thursday night. Dr. Hobson and his family were returning home from a church reception in an automobile and while going east on Adams street Dr. Hobson saw the car on Bridge street coming, but realizing that he could not stop the auto in time to prevent a collision he gave the driver a quick jerk turning the auto suddenly and throwing the little girl in front of the car, which crushed the little one to death before the motor-man could realize what had happened.

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